

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 22 February 2005

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Robert L. Bernstein, Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, John W. Flynn, Maria R. Gil, Catherine E. Graziano, John Keimig, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire, Robert Whiteside

Not Present: Raymond Coia, James Daley, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt, Marvin Greenberg, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD, Robert Ricci, John Young

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Donald C. Williams

Public: NONE

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Time Extension for the Minutes Availability, Conflict of Interest Forms, and Report of the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a potential conflict. The minutes of the 25 January 2005 meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. The Chairman stated that due to the Open Meetings Act the minutes of the meetings have to be available to the public by the next meeting date or within thirty-five days, which ever is sooner. The Chairman stated that because the next meeting might not occur within thirty-five days or the minutes might not be available, he would ask the Committee members to vote to extend the availability of minutes beyond time frame provided to remain in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Bernstein, Centofanti, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Keimig, Quigley, Ross, Shire, Whiteside.

Mr. Ross, member of the Nominating Committee, reported on the proposed nominations of Officers: Chair – Dr. Quigley, Vice Chair –

Ms. Almeida, and Secretary – Rev. Shire. The Chairman noted that pursuant to the Bylaws of the Nominating Committee, the election will be held at the next Health Services Council meeting.

A moment of silence was held in the memory of senator William B. Zuccarelli, a member of the Health Services Council. Mr. Bernstein noted that a foundation was established in Senator Zuccarelli's name at the Federal Hill House.

2. General Order of Business

Dr. Patricia A. Nolan, Director of the Department of Health, addressed the members of the Health Services Council and thanked them for all of their work and advice.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Raymond Rusin, Chief of the Office of Facilities Regulations ("OFR"), on Overview of Facilities Regulation Operations. A copy of the Power Point presentation, list of statutory authorities of ORF, list of licensed facilities and a staffing chart for OFR was handed out to the members of the Health Services Council. Mr. Rusin made his presentation to the Health Services Council (presentation is attached).

Council members asked questions regarding the licensure and

oversight of Group Homes (ICF/MR), infrastructure requirements for a facility, response to complaints and allegations of abuse, staffing at OFR, and Hill Side Health Center.

The next Health Services Council meeting was scheduled for 29 March 2005. Staff noted that a member of the Ethics Committee has been scheduled to make a presentation to the Health Services Council on issues regarding recusals, abstaining and conflicts of interest.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova